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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Career Service

1. I talked to Mr. James H. Rowe on the general subject of career service to see what his views were concerning legislative support of career service in the Government. Mr. Rowe had been Chairman of the Rowe Committee, which made one of the basic studies leading to the Foreign Service Act of 1946.

2. Mr. Rowe said he had not kept in touch with the subject and had only some very general observations to make; therefore, he felt it would be inappropriate for him to be brought into discussions of the details of our problem. Very generally, he said he thought legislation establishing a career service had a morale-building effect, but was not essential to a career service and if not very carefully limited in scope would tend to tie the Agency's hands rather than assist. As he understands it, the true difficulty lies in the inability to control the scope once the matter is before the Houses of the Congress. His general conclusion was that if it were essential to go to the Congress for legislative authorities of a fairly broad nature, it might be well to seek some general language supporting the concept of a career service; however, unless legislation were essential it would be better not to approach the Congress merely for whatever effect career service legislation in general might have. These thoughts coincide pretty closely with my own.

3. Mr. Rowe gave the names of several people he thought would be far more up to date and better informed than he. Particularly, he mentioned Mr. Don Price, Associate Director of the Public Administration Clearing House, which I believe is a Rockefeller endowed organization. Mr. Price apparently was with the Research and Development Board for awhile and, according to Mr. Rowe, knows the English governmental system and our own equally well. Mr. Rowe said he had thought well of Mr. Joseph Winslow, who is now with the Civil Service Commission. Also, he felt we might want to consult Mr. William F. Howell, Administrative Officer of the World Bank. Mr. Rowe said he would be glad to discuss the matter informally at any time if he could be of assistance, but he did not want to be brought in formally or into the details of the problem.

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